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SEPTEMBER 9-10

1. SUMMARY: MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN GAVE CHARGE ANTICIPATED AGENDA FOR HAGUE MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS SEP 9-10.

AGENDA INCLUDES MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS AND AEGEAN, FRG INITIATIVES ON TERRORISM AND WORLD COURT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CHILE, SITUATION IN SOUTHER AFRICA, ASIA, EC-9 COOPERATION ON COMBATTING TERRORISM AND EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY.

2. RUTTEN'S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOLLOW:

(A) MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION WILL BE BASED ON MEETING OF MIDDLE EASTERN EXPERTS WHICH WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTL SEPT 6. CONSEQUENTLY, RUTTEN SAID HE COULD ONLY ASSUME THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD FOCUS ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, INCLUDING STATUS OF PLO, AND ON MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES IN THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOELS SPEECH IN GENERAL DEBATE SEPT 28 WOULD INCLUDE DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF EC-9 ON MIDDLE EAST AND POLITICAL DIRECTOS WOULD PROBABLY REVIEW DRAFT TEXT.

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ON PALESTINIAN/PLO PROBLEM, RUTTEN RECALLED THAT, DURING HIS

MEETINGS HERE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD STRESSED THE NEED NOT TO GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO PLO AT MOMENT OF ITS DECLINE. HOWEVER, RUTTEN BELIEVED THAT AT LEAST SOME OF EC-9 WOULD ASSERT THIS REINFORCED NEED TO DEAL WITH PALESTINIAN ISSUES. HE ADDED THAT SECRETARY HAD TOLD DUTCH HE WOULD AUTHORIZE DEMARCHES ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN BONN, COPENHAGEN AND LONDON, AND RUTTEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE COULD PROVIDE RESULTS OF ANY APPROACHES BEFORE NEXT WEEKS MEETING. MIDDLE EAST DISUCSSION WILL ALSO INCLUDE EXHCANGE OF INFORMATION ON SITUATION IN LEBANON AND ON PRESENT EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN DIFFICULTIES.

(B) AS FOR CYPRUS AND AEGEAN MAIN EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON FORMER. RUTTEN SAID FOREING MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, ON OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO ANKARA SEPT 6-7 FOR EC DISUCSSIONS, INTENDED ALSO TO FEEL OUT TURKS ON POSSIBLE REACTION TO THIRD-PARTY APPROACHES ON CYPRUS. HE WOULD DO NO MORE THAN SIMPLY EXPLORE GROUND WITH VIEW TO ARRIVING AT SUGGESTIONS OR CONCLUSIONS HE COULD THEN PUT TO HIS COLEAGUES AT GYMNIH-STYLE MEETING SEPT 11-12, PERHAPS SUBSEQUENT DEMARCHED BY EC-9 OR BY BOTH EC-9 AND US. HOWEVER, FROM INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THUS FAR DUTCH WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT TURKISH ATTITUDES SINCE TURKS SEEMED NEGATIVE ON VIRUALLY EVERYTHING, INCLUDING RESUMPTION OF LEDRA PALACE TALKS. RUTTEN MENTIONED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN HAD TOLD DUTCH CHARGE THAT WASHINGTON WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF DRAWING UP AGREED LIST OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD THEN BE TURNED OVER TO UNSGY AS BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. DUTCH WERE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THIS APPROACH, LARGELY BECAUSE RELEVANT PRINCIPLES WERE ALREADY CLEAR, BUT PARTIES WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED REMAINED LACKING.

(C) RUTTEN HAD LITTLE TO OFFER REGARDING FRG INITIATIVES ON TERRORISM AND WORLD COURT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. HE MENTIONED THAT SOVIETS HAD ALREADY GONE ON OFFENSIVE AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL, HAVING MADE STRONG DEMARCHED IN BRUSSELS AND LUXEMBOURG.

(D) CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WOULD AGAIN BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF ONGOING EFFORTS OF EC-9 TO ASSIST SUB-COMMITTEE ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GAINING ADMISSION TO CHILE. RUTTEN SAID EC-9 HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION BOTH IN CHILE AND WITH CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE AND HAD CONCLUDED TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDES WERE FAR APART, WITH LITTLE PROSPECT EVEN FOR TWO MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP TO VISIT CHILE SINCE CHILEANS REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHAIRMAN.

(E) RUTTEN ASSUMED SECRETARYS ZURICH MEETING MIGHT SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. DUTCH THOUGHT SOUTH AFRICA WAS MOVING, BUT PROBABLY IT WAS A MATTER OF TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE. FROM REPORTS OF DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES IN AFRICA, RUTTEN HAD IMPRESSION THAT VISIT OF UNDER

SECRETARY ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELER HAD ACHIEVED SOME RESULTS AND HE HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT NYERERE PLAN MAY HAVE BEEN REVIVED. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, EC-9 WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORT IT. RUTTEN AGAIN REQUESTED WASHINGTON POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF TRANSKEI.

(F) ON ASIAN MATTERS THERE WOULD BE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF KOREAN SITUATION IN UNGA. IN ADDITION, FRG HAD PROPOSED COORDINATION OF POLICIES OF EC-9 ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO VIET NAM. DUTCH CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT IN BRUSSELS AND IN ANY EVENT BELIEVED THAT IT WAS LATE TO SEEK COORDINATION SINCE SOME OF THE NINE INCLUDING NETHERLANDS ALREADY HAD ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN VIET NAM.

(G) RESPECTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AMONG THE NINE ON COMBATING TERRORISM, DUTCH SAW THIS AS MATTER OF COMPLEMENTARY ACTION TO THAT TAKEN BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN DEVELOPING STRASBOURG CONVENTION. RUTTEN NOTED THAT FRENCH WERE BLOCKING STRASBOURG PROPOSAL AND HOPED MEETING WOULD CLARIFY FRENCH OBJECTIONS.

(H) EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WOULD BE REVIEWED. RUTTEN SAID ARAB PRESSURE FOR INCLUSION OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS CONTINUED AND RECALLED THAT SECRETARY HAD REVIEWED THIS PROBLEM WITH VAN DER STOEP. SOME OF NINE WERE NOW PROPOSING THAT ONE WAY TO MEET ARAB PRESSURE WAS THROUGH AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS POLITICAL SUBJECTS OTHER THAN THOSE RELATED TO MIDDLE EAST, SUCH AS LOS OR DETENTE. DUTCH FRANKLY SAW NO VIRTUE IN THIS IDEA.

3. AT INFORMAL DINNER CONVERSATIONS RUTTEN ANTICIPATED DISCUSSION OF QUESTION WHEN GREECE WOULD BE ADMITTED TO POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETINGS. IN PREVIOUS CASES THIS HAD HAPPENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNATURE AND THIS PRIOR TO RATIFICATION, BUT GREEK SITUATION WAS MUCH MORE DELICATE BECAUSE OF TURKEY. ALSO, IN LIGHT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOARES GOVERNMENT OF

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PORTUGUESE DESIRE TO ENTER EEC, GENERAL QUESTION OF FURTHER ENLARGEMENT OF COMMUNITY WOULD BE CONSIDERED. RUTTEN SAID VAN DER STOEP ALREADY HAD RECEIVED INVITATION TO VISIT PORTUGAL AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS THIS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AT GYMnich STYLE MEETING. ALTHOUGH PREAMBLE OF ROME TREATY REFERRED TO ELIGIBILITY OF ANY EUROPEAN STATE, DUTCH THOUGH TIME HAD PERHAPS COME FOR COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP SOME CRITERIA. FOR EXAMPLE, APPLICATIONS OF STATES SUCH AS MALTA OR CYPRUS COULD PRESENT REAL PROBLEMS FOR EEC.

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